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RESPONSE TO A FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office action mailed June 6, 2005. The Applicant hereby requests a 3-month extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3). A large entity three-month extension fee in the amount of \$1020.00 should be charged to our deposit account number 19-5113. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to our Account No. 19-5113. Furthermore, the Applicant is concurrently filing a Request for Continued Examination.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 5 of this paper.